

No, it's not ~~ETHIL~~ THE FROG, it's.....

All that, and 1901 too?

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COLLAPSE OF THE DUAL EMPIRE.

'Fraid I missed an important rule out folks:

"The normal Diplomacy rule that a unit may not dislodge another unit of the same country only applies within the types of armies. For example, a German Communist Army may not dislodge another German Communist Army but it may ~~not~~ dislodge a German Democratic Army."

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Glen Cheney writes: "Why don't you come up with a scoop for your ex-underground press, (what could be more underground than a magazine for only 10 subscribers?) and interview that enigma of our time, the man for all zines, the pro of diplo, the man with the answer to the 64 build question, Andy (how many games is he in?) Davidson. How good is he? How can he afford it? When does he have time to eat? How did this disease to be in every game begin? ((Be careful how you read that one!)) Is he in any game where there is more than one Andy Davidson playing? Is there more than one Andy Davidson? Etc. I have faith that you will not fail me." ((The letter follows on with a question about variants))

"Talking about variants, A NEW ONE CYRIL!!!

DAVIDSTOWN

Loosely based around Abstraction, Youngstown, Third Age etc. Each player controls a country and an Andy Davidson marker. The object is to find which one is the real one and then capture it. It is best played with the Monty Python additional rules. Rule number 6, no pufftas; rule number 7, there is no rule number 7; rule number 8, every player to be called Bruce, including the Gamesmaster Bruce, and rule number 9, no pufftas."

((My personal records of games played in English zines shows him playing in 28 regular and variant games. I didn't receive the recently folded XL so I may have missed one or two. John Piggott I make to be on 23 but I stand open to correction on either count. LB.))

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This is the nothing-new-under-the-sun spot. (No, not sunspot you fool!)

I was recently watching a 1937 Laurel & Hardy, and the dialogue goes:

(Knock at the door)

"Who's there?"

"Mary."

"Mary who?"

"Mary Christmas."

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American Diplomacy sets now contain a four page leaflet advertising 26 independent postal Diary zine publishers. Will it ever happen here??

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Game Report. MDC 1 (1972 FX) MENSA GAME.

Autumn 1904.

TURKISHES - FROGS HOP IT.

ENGLAND(Blewitt): F(Nor)-NTH A(Wal)-Lon F(Yor)supports A(Wal)-Lon
F(Swe)-Nor F(StP.nc)stands

FRANCE(Roth): A(Tyr)-Mun A(Pic)-Bel A(Ruh)supports A(Pic)-Bel
 F(ENC)supports A(Pic)-Bel F(Lon)-WTE A(Mar)-Pie

GERMANY(Perry): A(Den)-Kie A(Ber) supports A(Mun) A(Hol) supports F(Bel):
A(Mun) supports A(Sil) A(Sil) supports A(Mun)
F(Bel) supports ENGLISH F(Nor)-NTH

ITALY(Yare): $\frac{\Delta(\text{Vie})-\text{Bud}}{\text{F(ADS) supports } \Delta(\text{Tri})} \quad \Delta(\text{Tri}) \text{ supports } \Delta(\text{Vie})-\text{Bud} \quad \text{F(Tun) stands}$

RUSSIA(Nuttall): A(Boh)-Vie A(Gal) supports A(Boh)-Vie F(Run) stands
A(Bud) supports TURKISH A(Alb)-Tri A(Ukr)-War F(Pru)-Ber

TURKEY(Minors): A(Alb)-Tri A(Ser) supports A(Alb)-Tri A(Bul)-Gre
 A(Sny) stands F(Rom) stands F(EMS)-IOS
 F(TYS) supports F(EMS)-IOS

French F(Lon), German F(Bel), Italian A(Vie) all eliminated - no space to retreat

State of the Nations.

ENGLAND.	Edi	Nor	Swe	Lpl	StP	Lon		Builds 1	Controls 6
FRANCE.	Par	Ere	Mar	Por	Spa	Lpl	Bel	Builds 1	Controls 6
GERMANY.	Ber	Kie	Mun	Hol	Den	Lpl		No change	Controls 5
ITALY.	Ven	Lpl	Tun	Tri				No change	Controls 3
RUSSIA.	Mos	War	Sev	Rum	Bud	Vie		No change	Controls 6
TURKEY.	Con	Smy	Ank	Bul	Gre	Ser	Nap Rom	Builds 1	Controls 8

From our War Correspondent.

RUSSIA:

His Imperial Majesty, the Tsar of All the Russias, has announced His intention to visit the United States of America and (by kind permission of King Edward VII) the Dominion of Canada. His entourage departs shortly after the Festival of Easter and will not return until the early days of June. During this period His Majesty disdains to consider any matters of State, in particular the conduct of this tedious War, and His armies will be left to decide their own fate. No communications will be possible and the Tsar trusts that this exercise in Democratic organisation within His forces will also stem the evil threat of revolution.

Then of course there was the Irishman who was up before the court for a motoring offence and was asked if he knew what it meant when a single yellow line was painted along the roadside. He thought carefully for a minute and then said, "It means that you can't park there at all."

He was then asked what a double yellow line signified. Again he thought carefully before replying. "It means that you can't park there at all at all."

And talking about Ireland, in a small town in Northern Ireland, the local Catholic team were about to take the football field against the local Protestant team.

"Now remember, lads," said the team coach, "if you can't kick the ball, kick the player's shins, and if you can't kick his shins, trip him and kick his head. Now, as soon as we find the ball, we'll kick off."

"Never mind the ball." said a voice from the back, "Let's get on with the game."

And talking about football, when the Gods challenged the Mortals to a game on Mount Olympus, they were surprised to see that one of the opposing team was half man and half horse. "Who on earth is that?" asked Jove. "Ah," said the Mortals' captain, "That's our centour-forward."

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Autumn 1901

GERMANY GOES MAP.

AUSTRIA(Doubleday): F(Alb)-Gre A(Ser)supports F(Alb)-Gre A(Tri)-Vie
 ENGLAND(Hardwick): A(Edi)-Nor F(ING)convoys A(Edi)-Nor F(WTE)supports
 GERMAN A(Ruh)-Bel
 FRANCE(Cheney): A(Eur)-Mar A(Pic)-Bel F(ENC)supports A(Pic)-Bel
 GERMANY(Davidson): A(Ruh)-Bel F(Hol)supports A(Ruh)-Bel A(Kie)-Den
 ITALY(Sherrad): A(Pie)-Mar F(IOC)-Tun A(Ven)-Tri
 RUSSIA(Stevens): F(GoE)-Sve F(Sev)-BLA A(Ukr)-Rum A(Gal)supports
 A(Ukr)-Rum
 TURKEY(Carroll): F(Ank)-BLA A(Bul)-Gre A(Con)-Bul

State of the Nations.

AUSTRIA.	Vie Bud xxx Ser Gre	Builds 1	Controls 4
ENGLAND.	Lon Lpl Edi Nor	Builds 1	Controls 4
FRANCE.	Par Bre Mar	No change	Controls 3
GERMANY.	Kie Ber Lun Bel Hol Den	Builds 3	Controls 6
ITALY.	Ven Rom Nap Tri Tun	Builds 2	Controls 5
RUSSIA.	StP Mos War Sev Sve Rum	Builds 2	Controls 6
TURKEY.	Con Ank Smy Bul	Builds 1	Controls 4

Spa and Por remain neutral.

From our War Correspondent.

ENGLAND:

His Majesty, King Edward VII, is sorry to note that 12 members of the Italian cabinet are insane and trusts that on seeing the light they will join their comrades in voting to attack Tunisia, thus giving a majority of 3373 for this motion.

ST. TROPEZ(Govt.)

General Tarkus believes that the threat by the Italians not to occupy Marseilles is a crude double counter bluff, designed to cut off English and German holidaymakers from their vital supplies of ice-cream.((Here we go!)) If this assumption is incorrect then all Italian tourists shall, in reprisal, be deported, and import licences stuck on the corner stone of Italian exports, we shall in fact be cutting off their lolly.
 ((Meet my script-writer folks.))

ROME:

A lot has happened in the last few months here in Rome. The King has been assassinated, the Queen has been raped and the whole of the Royal Family has been sent into exile. The Fascist party has now taken complete control of our country and has already taken precautions to safeguard Italy against attacks from her two powerful and greedy neighbours. We have imprisoned the French and Austro-Hungarian Ambassadors and are holding them as hostages until Italian forces are allowed to enter Marseilles and Trieste when they will be released. We hope that the French and Austrians will comply with our terms as this will be best for all involved and especially us.

YE OLDE CAMEL SHOP, TUNIS:

(from the diary of the commander of the Italian fleet)

October 1st. Have now completed conquest of Tunisia. Very little opposition except for a small army towards the west. I am now in the middle of discussions, concerning a border, with their commander,((wait for it)) someone by the name of Hannibal..... Next Week:

Will Hannibal feed the Elephants?
 Will Biggles find the Doctor?
 Will Italy get 3 builds?
 Will Gandalf save the Frogs?
 Will Ethil beat him to it?
 Will I subscribe to Black Spot?
 Will Andy Davidson win again?
 Will Austria survive 1902?
 Will.....(oh, shut up!)

((And in answer to Mikes' question - JHEAD is pronounced, JHEAD)))

And yet more, although I'm not sure whether I should print this sacrilege...

BACKBALL GROUND:

It has been a poor season for football this year, for no less than 21 first division teams have been off-form. This must be so, how else could a load of pansies in red knickers win the Football League Championship? ((Ya Eoo Sucks - sour grapes)) Did you see that disgusting behaviour from Tommy Smith. It serves him right he got sent off - he should be banned from football for life. ((Roger Davis? Juventus?))

May your trophy crumble to dust. ((That's probably the condition we'll get it back from Derby in))

May Everton thrash you 6-0. ((Not before. Italy makes 15 builds in 1902))

May Derby win the European Cup. ((The only European Cup they're ever likely to win is the European Come Dancing Cup))

May Juventus be driven from this earth. ((With Brian Clough as the Bus driver))
UP THE RAIS!! ((RIGHT UP))



1901....BRAVO (1973 EF)

Autumn 1901.

AUSTRIA UNDER TRIPLE OWNERSHIP

AUSTRIA (Doodes): F(Alb)-Tri A(Ser) supports F(Alb)-Tri A(Vie) stands

ENGLAND(ellis): F(NWG)-Nor F(NTE)-Der. A(Edi)stands

FRANCE (Cousins): F(MAO)-Por A(Pie)-Par A(Spa)stands

GERLMAN(Brunt): A(Bur)-Bel F(Bel) supports A(Bur)-Bel A(Kie)-Den

ITALY(Walsh): A(Ven)-Tri A(Tyr)supports A(Ven)-Tri F(IGS)-Tun

RUSGLA(Wheeler): F(Gol)-Sve A(Gal)-Eud A(Ukr)-Run F(Sev) supports
A(Ukr)-Run

TURLEY(Swanson): No Orders Received. A(Bul), F(Con), A(Sny) all stand.

State of the Nations.

AUSTRIA.	Vie Zyd Tri Ser	No change	Controls 3
ENGLAND.	Lon Lpl Edi Nor	Builds 1	Controls 4
FRANCE.	Mar Par Ere Por Spa	Builds 2	Controls 5
GERMANY.	Mun Kie Ber Del Hol	Builds 2	Controls 5
ITALY.	Ven Rom Nap Tun	Builds 1	Controls 4
RUSSIA.	StP Mos War Sev Swe Bud Rum	Builds 3	Controls 7
TURKEY.	Con Smy Ank Bul	Builds 1	Controls 4

Gre and Den remain neutral.

From our War Correspondent.

VLENN:

His Ever Glorious Majesty, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, Allan VII, suggests, respectfully, that President Colin a) Jumps into a very deep hole, and b) Has its original contents poured in on top of himself. He also denies the lies this filthy Italian person(?) put out about the loyal Tyrolians and Triestians. So up yours mate.
P.S. Thanks for the offer P., if you mean it.

GENERALITY:

Sources at the court of His Imperial Majesty the Kaiser dismissed as fabrications recent reports of violations of the Franco-German border. An official statement maintains "there have been no troop movements into France and the Generals involved have been severely disciplined." (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)

TRAIN:

A letter bomb was discovered by one of my secretaries in her office at my residence. It was addressed to me and was posted from Austro-Hungarian town Trieste. I demand a full enquiry from the Emperor of Austria-Hungary and in the mean-time I am sending in help **for** the police in Trieste.

RUSSELL:

The International Anti-Kithling League proposes a new Geneva Convention outlawing the use between civilised countries of poisonous gassing, treachery and breach of the pledged word in War or even in Manoeuvres, War Exercises and War Games.

(Cont. overleaf)

The League will classify the parties now ruling Europe as follows:

WHITE = Faithful allies and honourable enemies who keep their word even when it is to their disadvantage to do so. (The biggest rogues will keep their word when it suits them.)

BLACK = Treacherous, doublecrossing twisters who break their word when it is to their advantage to do so.

GREY = Neither.

It will be lawful for the High Contracting Parties, the Anti-Nithling Powers, to declare war and to wage war against each other in accordance with the internationally accepted rules of war, having first eliminated the Nithling Powers.

Copies of the Convention Agreement will be available from the League's present offices in Moscow.

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I had intended to write a bit of a screed about JIHAD and YOUNGSTOWN this issue, two variants which I am prepared to G.M. in 1901 And All That... if demand warrants it. As yet however, I've barely had time to even look at the rules of these so I'll have to include the write-up next time. In the meantime, if anyone would like to purchase copies of the maps/rules, then the addresses to write to are:

JIHAD from Graham Jeffery, 8 Rusholme Rd., LONDON SW15 3JZ
YOUNGSTOWN from Richard Walkerdine, 15 Crouch Oak Lane, ADDLESTONE, Surrey.

The price of each is 2p plus postage; while you've got your purses open, don't forget to enclose another couple of pence and ask for sample copies of their excellent magazines, DER KRIEG and MAD POLICY respectively. Waiting Lists for these two games are now open.

Waiting Lists:

Regular: Les Pinley; John Piggott; Roll up, roll up, doesn't anyone else want to be a Charlie?

Variants-Any: Les Pinley;

Jihad: Peter Swanson; Michael Sherrad; (Les Pinley? Yes/No?)

Abstraction: Michael Sherrad; Rod Wheeler; (Ditto above?)

Youngstown: (Ditto above?)

Collapse of the Dual Empire; Michael Sherrad; Richard Wein; (Ditto?)

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